

Standards of Excellence for the Orthotic/Prosthetic Residency Program

The National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education (NCOPE) develops, implements, and assures compliance of orthotic and prosthetic educational institutions and residency programs through accreditation and approval processes that promote quality educational programs for future generations of O&P Professionals.

NCOPE accredited residency programs advance O&P education and contribute to an expanding profession and changing health care environment through clinical training that results in the resident's attainment of competencies in the management of comprehensive orthotic and/or prosthetic patient care.



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Information on
Becoming an NCOPE
Accredited Residency
Training Program



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Accreditation General Info:

Prospective Residency Site

- Facility must be accredited by an organization that accredits Comprehensive O & P Patient Care Services (i.e., ABC or BOC) and requires a Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accredited orthotic and prosthetic education for orthotists and prosthetists, in order to participate in the residency program.
- Program is responsible to impart expertise and promote competency of the resident by expecting them to meet or exceed the residency objectives.
- O&P instructor-to-resident ratio is one instructor to two residents.

Residency Program Clinical Faculty

Residency Director: Establishes and oversees administration of program's learning objectives and utilizes online tracking system to monitor resident's patient encounters and submit assessments of resident performance

Qualifications for Residency Director

- Certified or Licensed Orthotist and/or Prosthetist must possess a minimum of a CAAHEP accredited Bachelor's degree in O&P or Bachelor's degree or higher in another major and graduated from a CAAHEP accredited post-baccalaureate Practitioner certificate program in orthotics and/or prosthetics.
- Must have 5 years post certification or licensure experience.
- Complete all 3 NCOPE Residency Program Development continuing educational courses.
- Cannot be a current resident.

Resident Mentor: Involved in/or directly supervising resident(s) in appropriate patient care treatment interventions with the required orthotic and/or prosthetic clinical experiences.

- Evaluate the resident's competence and ability to assume increasing responsibility for patient care.

Qualifications for Residency Mentor

- Certified or Licensed Orthotist and/or Prosthetist must possess CAAHEP accredited education.
- Must have 3 years post certification or licensure experience in supervising discipline).
- Complete Course Two and Course Three NCOPE Residency Program Development continuing educational courses.
- Must be principally located at residency training site.
- Cannot be a current resident.

Clinical Competency Experiences

Required Orthoses:

- Custom AFO
- Custom Foot Orthosis
- Custom Scoliosis
- Custom TLSO
- Custom KAFO
- Knee Orthosis
- Upper Limb Orthosis



Required Prostheses:

- Post Operative Care
- Upper Limb Prosthesis
- Partial Foot or Symes
- Transtibial Prosthesis
- Transfemoral Prosthesis
- Refer to NCOPE's Accreditation Standards at <http://resident.ncope.org/> for complete details.

Application Fee

Residency Accreditation Application Fee:	\$600
'Add-on' Program Application Fee:	\$300
Affiliate 'Add-On' Application Fee:	\$75

Payment methods: Check, money order, credit card (*credit card processing fee applies*)

To Apply:

Send completed application (available at www.ncope.org) with application fee and development course certificates to:

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Timeline for Processing Application by NCOPE

- Application will be reviewed by the Residency Program Accreditation Review Committee (process takes approximately six weeks) and upon approval, accreditation will be awarded. You will be mailed an NCOPE Certificate of Accreditation, and added to the website as an accredited residency program. A resident can attend your residency program once your facility is NCOPE accredited.

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